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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 3724
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Morikatsu MATSUDA et al.	)	Examiner: C. Goodman
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Application No.: 09/661,459	)	Atty. Dkt. No. 000004.00661
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Filed: September 13, 2001	)	
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For: PUNCHING MACHINE	)	Date: November 27, 2002
AND METHOD THEREOF	)	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002 and made final. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 15 without prejudice to the subject matter therein.

Please amend claims 10 and 16 as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A punching machine, comprising:  
a body frame having a table (33, 35), the table supporting a workpiece (W) to be worked;  
a first positioning device (53) mounted on the table, the first positioning device positioning the workpiece in a first direction (X);  
a second positioning device (69) mounted on the table, the second positioning device positioning the workpiece in the first direction; and  
a working head (8, 9, 11) mounted in the body frame so as to be positioned in a second direction (Y) perpendicular to the first direction to punch the workpiece, thereby punching the workpiece along the second direction,

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